



King County

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Explore other options before surrendering a pet

Are you moving where you can't have a dog? Has your financial situation changed so you can no longer afford to care for all your pets? Is your dog barking too much? Does your cat have litter box issues? Is your pet showing destructive behaviors? We understand there are many reasons or circumstances that could lead a pet owner to consider no longer keeping their pet or pets.

Animal shelters or rescue groups (public or private) may first come to mind, however, we encourage you to try these suggestions and resources:

- If your pet is having issues, consider contacting your veterinarian, websites, or animal trainers/behaviorists first. Perhaps with the right help, you and your pet can learn to work things out and stay together. Veterinarians can also help you rule out any physical or medical reasons for your pet's problems.
- If your landlord or housing situation is limiting the size or kind of pets allowed, visit The Humane Society of the United States regarding rental housing suggestions at www.hsus.org/pet/pet_care/our_pets_for_life_program. The PAWS website, www.paws.org, also has a list of places that allows pets in our area.
- Do not give away your pets for free. No matter the amount you charge, will discourage unethical people from collecting animals or using the animals for illegal activities.
- Never abandon an animal. It is against the law and does not result in anything positive for the animal or yourself.

Options for finding a new home for your pet

If you feel you need to find your pet a new home, here are some suggestions:

Advertise

Ask family, friends or co-workers if they would be interesting in adopting your pet. Create an "ad" that describes your pet, his/her good habits, health condition, general needs, and behaviors. This could be the pet's resume complete with a photo or two. Do not exaggerate, as it could harm the chances of the new home working out. You can post these ads to the company's bulletin boards, lunch rooms, etc.

Check with your veterinarian - perhaps they have a bulletin board in the lobby to promote animals needing a new home or the clinic staff may know of another client who is ready and willing to take in another animal.

Use online resources

Post your advertisement on the internet or local newspapers.

Petfinder.com (www.petfinder.com/classifieds) list lost pets, found pets, pets wanted, and adoptable pets. The posts are available for people who have taken in a stray and wish to find it a home and for people who wish to place their own pets in new homes.

Craigslist (www.craigslist.org) is also another popular website for online advertising.

Alternative Surrender Locations

Many organizations schedule appointments and charge fees for surrendering an animal to them. Please call or visit their websites before arriving. Some rescue organizations do not operate a shelter and work with a network of foster homes. This list is intended as a resource only and is not meant to be a referral or recommendation for the facilities, their staff or the services provided by the source.

Cat Purebred Rescue

(private, non-profit/foster homes)

www.catpurebredrescue.org

Everett Animal Shelter

(public agency)

2732 36th St.

Everett, WA 98201

425-257-6000

www.everettwa.org

Homeward Pet Adoption Center

(private, non-profit)

18800 Woodinville Snohomish Rd NE

Woodinville, WA 98072

425-488-4444

www.homewardpet.org

MEOW

(private, non-profit)

10600 NE 68th St.

Suite F

Kirkland, WA 98033

425-822-6369

www.meowcatrescue.org

Metro Animal Services

(public agency)

1200 39th Ave. SE

Puyallup, WA 98374

253-841-5595

<http://299pets.org>

PAWS

(private, non-profit)

15305 44 Ave. W

Lynnwood, WA 98087

425-787-2500

www.paws.org

Purrfect Pals

(private, non-profit)

230 McRae Road NE

Arlington, WA 98223

360-652-9611

www.purrfectpals.org

Seattle Animal Shelter

(public agency)

2061 15 Ave. W

Seattle, WA 98119

206-386-7387

www.seattleanimalshelter.gov

Seattle Humane Society

(private, non-profit)

13212 SE Eastgate Way

Bellevue, WA 98005

425-641-0080

www.seattlehumane.org

Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue

(private, non-profit/foster homes)

PO Box 3253

Redmond, WA 98052

206-654-1117

www.spdrdogs.org